

of my understanding of principle to comprehend the speed with which people retreat from those principled positions. So I am still in the process of learning and coming to an understanding of what words used by legislators actually mean. I never thought that I would see old terrible Rex back off of a principled position. He made me think of myself when I defend the rights of the farmers when he spoke for that bill, although he was using that argument in a way that was not really appropriate because he wasn't really speaking for the farmer in his or her plight, but for these implement dealers and the others who are going to profit. But, nevertheless, the words were right, and then he talked to the Governor, and she turned him all the way around. I am wondering how many more are going to turn around in that fashion before the session is over. This bill now seems to be in trouble. Some want to amend it. Others don't. They want it to stay like it is because they were rooked or snookered into supporting it as a good principled piece of legislation, and now that they are shown such is not the case, it is difficult because it is somewhat embarrassing to back away and do something other than what principle led them to do. I will tell you what I think is going to happen with this bill today. I think that we are going to be spared a long discussion about whether or not to bring this bill back. That whip needs to be cracked over some more withers, if that is the appropriate place where you crack a whip, and then with the horses properly attached to the wagon, a similar motion will be made and it will prance and gallop right back to Select File. Everybody, once given their marching orders, will do what they have been told to do and the bill will move forward.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is the kind of gentle thing that any satirist with a newspaper could do in a far less gentle fashion, because we see so much posturing on the floor of the Legislature in terms of principle, the good of the public, the good of the people, and then we see how much it is worth. To this principle, we dedicate our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor. I had memorized the Declaration of Independence when I was a small child and that is the way they ended it, I believe. That is what they all said. To LB 185, I dedicate my life, my fortune, my sacred honor. Who steals those things steal trash. Who steal my money make be poor indeed, that is a slight paraphrase but I think the point is made.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, Senator Wesely on deck.